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| St. Paul | Bro. John Johnson |
| Pleasant Grove, | " J. W. Floyd |
| Mt. Moriah, | " J. H. Watkins |
| Mt. Sinai, | " P. R. Surrat |
| Mt. Hebron, | " R. T. Torrence |
| Macedonia | " John Smith |
| Chapel Hill | Rev. W. M. McIntyre |
| Mt. Zion | Bro. George Smith |
| Fancy Hill | " R. A. Abernathy |
| New Providence | " C. M. Gregory |
| Mt. Pisgah | " C. G. Gordon |
| Mt. Carmel | " J. C. Watt |

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| Mt. Calvery | " Babe Sloan |
| Springfield | " M. A. Conner |
| Bethel | Rev. F. C. Gibson and B. J. Broom |
| Mt. Moriah | Bro. R. H. Hanks |
| Gold Hill | Bros. Sidney Gibson and Mark Murril |
| Salem | |
| Mt Pleasant | Bro. J. S. Reid |
| Galilee | Bro. James Potts |
| Smithfield | Bro. S. L. |
| St. Philipps | Bro. John Chappel |
| Mt. Olive | Bros. S. J. Graham and J. C. Carr |
| Gethesemane | |

Committees

Time and Place— One Delegate from each Church.

P. R. Surratt, Chairman.

Education— R. B. Watts, C. M. Gregory, S. D. Gibson and C. Gordon.

Temperance— B. J. Ivey, S. L. Wallace, R. A. Abernathy, J. W. Johnson, and M. M. Murrill.

Resolutions— Rev. C. H. Daniel, Bro. Geo. Smith, Bro. R. C. Morrow, Rev. W. M. McIntyre.

Enrollment— M. A. Conner, F. C. Gibson, S. L. Johnson.

New Churches— Bro. R. T. Torrence, Bro. R. H. Hanks P. R. Surratt.

Constitution— W. M. Brown, W. M. McCauley, R. J. Davidson, J. D. Massey, J. W. Floyd.

Corresponding Messengers— Revs. M. L. Davidson, J. H. E. Nelson, J. D. Massey, J. J. Anderson, Bro. F. W. Floyd.

Committee on Organization— Revs. G. W. Crosby, T. M. Barber, M. Mackey, Bro. W. M. G. Brown, Rev. S. N. Davidson.

HONOR ROLL

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| Rev. B. J. Ivey..... | \$1.00 |
| “ S. N. Davidon..... | 1.00 |
| Bro. L. T. Norton..... | 1.00 |
| “ J. S. Smith, | 1.00 |
| “ R. T. Torrence..... | 1.00 |
| Rev. J. H. E. Nelson..... | 1.50 |
| Bro. C. S. A. Davis, | 1.00 |
| “ George Smith..... | 1.00 |
| Rev. F. C. Gibson, | 1.00 |
| Bro. J. W. Floyd..... | 1.00 |
| Rev. R. D. Harris, | 1.50 |
| “ C. H. Daniel..... | 1.00 |
| “ W. H. Davidson..... | 1.00 |
| “ J. J. Anderson..... | 1.00 |
| “ J. D. Massey..... | 1.00 |
| “ W. M. Murril..... | 1.00 |
| “ J. M. McKin..... | 1.00 |
| Sister Mary Anderson..... | 1.00 |
| “ Rub Hunter, | 1.00 |
| Sister Victoria Nixon..... | 1.00 |
| Bro. L. F. Benton, | .50 |
| “ Joe McKins, | 1.00 |
| “ Avery Anderson..... | 1.00 |
| Sister Casa Nixon, | 1.00 |
| “ Ada Abernathy..... | 1.00 |
| “ Vestia Deer | 1.00 |
| “ Fannie McClain..... | 1.00 |
| “ Claud Morrow | .50 |
| Bro. John Wallace..... | 1.00 |
| “ J. L. Davis..... | .50 |
| Rev. H. H. Wilson | 1.00 |
| “ R. J. Davidson..... | 1.00 |
| “ W. M. McIntyre..... | 1.00 |
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| Bro. J. S. Reid | 1.50 |
| " R. H. Hanks | 1.00 |
| Rev. R. C. Morrow | 1.00 |
| Mt. Moriah Church | 3.00 |
| Bro. C. M. Gregory | 1.00 |
| Rev. T. M. Barber | 1.00 |
| Sister Cecelia Johnston | 1.00 |
| Bro. L. F. Benton | 1.50 |
| " R. H. Abernathy | .50 |
| " N. A. Corner | 1.00 |
| " W. M. G. Brown | 1.00 |
| Sister Hester Lackey | 1.00 |
| " Dewit Anderson | .25 |
| " Russel Anderson | .25 |
| " Maggie Murrill | .50 |
| " Samuel Graham | .50 |
| Rev. A. Jones | 1.00 |
| Bro. J. S. Smith | .25 |
| Sister Ida Hoyle | .50 |

PROCEEDINGS

The Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association met with the Gold Hill Baptist Church September 5, 1923. Rev. J. D. Massey, Pastor.

The Proceedings opened at 7:30 o'clock and Rev. R. D. Harris the President was in the Chair. Praise Service was conducted by Bro. Surratt, who lined Hymn No. 490, "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord." Prayer was offered by Bro. M. M. Murriel; after which Hymn No. 10 was sung, "O where shall rest be found. Pres. Harris then came forward and made some very pleasing remarks, and with uplifting words the work was before us. He also spoke of the great destruction in Japan.

The President then announced that the Welcome Address on behalf of the Church would be made by Rev. J. D. Massey.

Rev. Massey in a very delightful way spoke of his loyal-

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ty to the Association and how willing his Church accepted the Association; he also made us feel welcome by telling us how his people responded to the call by sparing no pains in preparing to take care of us.

Then Bro. J. T. Anderson Welcomed us in behalf of the Sunday School. And Bro. M. M. Murriel Welcomed us in behalf of the Young Men's Laymen Movement.

Then the Chairman asked Bro. J. C. Watt to respond, which he did in a most delightful way. Bro. J. B. Hunter and Bro. Robert Alexander Deacons of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Biddleville, were introduced and asked to say a few words which they did in a very pleasing manner.

Time having arrived for the Introductory Sermon. Rev. W. M. Neely being absent, his alternate Rev. F. C. Gibson preached a very impressive and uplifting Sermon from the text Mark 16: 15-16 "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach my Gospel. As we listened to the speaker who was possessed with the power of the Holy Spirit, we were all made to feel good, and could but say it is good to be here. After the Sermon, Prayer was offered by Rev. C. M. Gregory, afterwhich Song "Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me."

On motion the Program was adopted as a guide for the Session, a collection to the amount of \$2.00 was called for by Bro. E. W. Hunter and Bro. M. Murriel. Rev. McArthur Pastor of the Rock Hill Methodist Church being present was introduced; Rev. McArthur said some very helpful things. The Pres. then appointed a temporary Finance Committee. Bros. B. J. Broom; L. C. Friday and J. C. Watt. Benediction by Rev. C. M. Gregory.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Praise Service was conducted by Bro. R. A. Abernathy and Bro. N. A. Conner, afterwhich Hymn No. 196 was sung, "Come holy Spirit Heavenly Dove." Matt. cp. 25 was read by Bro. R. A. Abernathy; Prayer by Bro. Connor, afterwhich the second Hymn was sung, No. 487, "I heard the voice of Jesus say." Afterwhich the President came

forward and announced the house ready for business. Minutes of the previous Session were called for and read, received and adopted, then the Delegates and Preachers were enrolled and the amount of \$10.25 was collected.

Time having arrived for echoes from the field. Rev. S. N. Davidson spoke of his great success in his work, he also spoke of the many who had been converted. Rev. J. W. Crosby spoke of his success, he said that he was getting along nicely in his work and he spoke of his determination to stand by the Mt. Peace Association. Rev. B. J. Ivey then came forward and spoke of how the Lord was blessing him in his work. There were also many of the other Preachers and Delegates who spoke of their work, and many other good things were said, it was indeed inspiring to hear these talks and to learn how the Lord had blessed the laborers of His field. On motion that the evening session would begin at 1:30 p. m. instead of 2:00. A collection of \$4.60 was then lifted by Bros. John Smith and R. H. Hanks, on motion to stand adjourned till 1.30. Benediction by Rev. S. N. Davidson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Praise Service was conducted by Bros. Friday and Torrence Hymn No. 174 was sung, "Jesus keep me near the cross." Prayer was offered by Bro. Torrence then Hymn No. 477 was sung, "Father I stretch my hand to thee." Prayer was then offered by Bro. Friday then Hymn No. 487 was sung, "I heard the voice of Jesus say." After which the President came forward and announced the house ready for business, on motion the minutes of the previous session were read received and adopted.

Time having arrived for the Presidents Annual Address the President came forward wrapped in the majestic power of oratory and in a most sincere way delivered one of his masterpieces. As he delivered his address he lifted us out of the old ruts of despondency and negligence, and swept from beneath our feet the sinking sands of the present and when we found ourselves we were standing upon

the rock of confidence and safety. Then Prof. R. J. Davidson responded in a most delightful way to this excellent Address. Others said many helpful things. By motion the President's Address went into the hands of the Committee on Resolutions. On motion Revs. B. J. Ivey, S. N. Davidson and Bro. F. Norton were excused because of their being engaged in a revival, after which the Treasurer and Auditors report was called for and was received and adopted. See Report. Report of Committee on New Churches was received and adopted. See report. Report of Committee on Organization was received and adopted; See Report. After which it was motioned that Prof. R. J. Davidson install the Officers, Prof. Davidson was at his best and did it in a most delightful and concise way. The honored Pres. Rev. R. D. Harris then spoke of how necessary it was for the body to stand by the Officers. The letters were then called for and read, after the reading of the letters, Rev. C. H. Daniels came forward and brought greetings from the Sandy River Association. A Collection to the amount of \$331 was taken and given to Rev. C. H. Daniels, then several members from the Mt. Carmel Bapt. Church were introduced who expressed themselves as being glad to be present. Benediction by Rev. C. H. Daniels.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Prayer Service was conducted by Rev. M. L. Davidson and Sister Sevelia Johnson, Hymn No. 296 was sung, "Father I stretch my hand to Thee." Scripture Lesson the 23rd Psalms was read by Rev. M. L. Davidson, Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. McCauley; Hymn "Just as I am without one plea," Prayer was then offered by Rev. W. M. McIntyre. Song 'I was a wandering sheep' was sung. Then the President announced the house ready for business but before beginning we had a beautiful Selection by the Choir. On motion Rev. J. H. E. Nelson was excused to go home.

Time having arrived for the Annual Sermon. Rev. G. W. Crosby ascended the Pulpit accompanied by Rev. W. M. McIntyre. Rev. McIntyre sang the song "I'll be satis-

fied." Afterwhich Rev. Crosby came forward and announced his Text Luke 19:10 'For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost; he also spoke of the darkness that covered the earth before the sun and moon were created 2 of the transgression of our foreparents in the garden of Eden 3 of the promise of the fathers and the birth of the Messiah, he also spoke of many other events during the life of the Savior here on earth; The Speaker preached an interesting Sermon which all seemed to enjoy. Prayer was then offered by Rev. W. M. McIntyre, the Song 'Since Jesus came into my heart, was beautifully sung by the audience. The President then made some interesting remarks concerning the great Sermon, after which Bro. C. S. A. Davis and Bro. J. C. Watt lifted a collection amounting to \$7.00. Benediction by Rev. G. W. Crosby.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Praise Service was conducted by Bros. B. J. Broom and C. Gordon, Hymn No. 344 "How happy every child of God," Scripture Lesson the 15th. Division of the Psalms Prayer was offered by Rev. R. C. Morrow and Bro. M. A. Conner.

Time having arrived for the routine of business the President announced the house ready for business. The minute of the previous Session were read, received and adopted, afterwhich the Roll was called. Mrs. Hettie Hunter, worker for the Winston Salem Orphanage being present, was fittingly introduced. Then came the Discussion of the Topic, "The Greatest Investment and its Recompense" which was beautifully discussed by Rev. H. H. Wilson and others. The Speaker said in part that we should invest our lives in the Service of Christ and the recompense would be eternal life, other speakers on the Topic brought out the point that we should invest our whole lives in the service of the Lord. The second Topic, "The marks of a Christian" was led by Rev. C. H. Daniels, he spoke of the duty of the Christian Making a mark in the

world that would force our comrades and friends to live the life of the Christian, he quoted Isaiah who was told by our Lord Jesus Christ to tell Israel to lift up a standard and that we as Christians must lift up a Christian Standard. The Second Speaker Bro. J. S. Reid spoke of letting our lights shine as Christians. The Third Speaker discussed the marks of a Christian as the company he keeps and the conversation he holds. Third Topic, Modern Evangelist " first speaker Rev. Mc. L. Davidson spoke of some of the things necessary to be an Evangelist. Second Speaker Rev. J. F. Anderson spoke of Consecration and the necessity of standing for God and his cause under all circumstances. Third Speaker Rev. T. M. Barber spoke of lining up in the work of the master in order to accomplish something. Also Rev. W. M. McIntyre spoke of being prepared to do the work of an Evangelist. Rev. R. B. Watt was then introduced to the body, then the letter from St. Phillips was read, after which a Committee on Appropriation was appointed. The Committee on Temperance made their report. See Report.

At this time a motion was made to reconsider the report on Revision of the Constitution that was voted down. W. S. Sherrill, V. Porter, J. W. Houston and Rev. W. M. Parrott of the Mountain and Catawba Association, were introduced after which Bro. W. M. Brown and Rev. T. M. Barber lifted a collection to the amount of \$4.85. Benediction by Rev. W. M. Parrott.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Praise Service was conducted by Rev. P. R. Surratt and Bro. J. O. Chappell, Hymn No. 248 was sung "Amazing sight the Saviour stands," Prayer by Bro. J. O. Chappell Song, 'Fight on your time ain't long.' Prayer by Rev. Mackey. The President then announced the house ready for business. Time having arrived for the Address of Prof. R. J. Davidson on the accomplishments of W. U. A. Prof. Davidson came forward and with great force spoke of the accomplishments of W. U. A. Sister Hunter of the

Winston Orph. was called and made a strong appeal for the cause telling he great need of an Orphan Home. Then while the Congregation sang 'While glory shines in my soul.' a collection to the amount of \$10.26 was lifted and given to Mrs. Hunter. Rev. R. B. Watts Ex Principle of W. U. A. spoke of some of the accomplishments of W. U. A. and of its future; he also spoke on the topic of early Conversion he said in part it was necessary that the young people should be converted as early as possible. Rev. Dr. Sherrill President of the Mountain and Catawba Association said some very helpful things.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Reports of Committees were called for: Committee on Corresponding Messengers reported. Report received and adopted; See Report.

Committee on the Revision of the Constitution reported. Report received and adopted by sections; See Report.

Committee on Time and Place reported. Report received and adopted; See Report.

Also the Committee on Education was received and adopted; See Reports. Benediction by Rev. C. M. Gregory.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Praise Service was conducted Bros. J. H. Watkins and J. C. Watte Hymn No. 196 "Come holy spirit heavenly dove." was sung, afterwhich Prayer was offered by Bro. J. C. Watt; Song Christian fight on, Prayer by Bro. J. H. Watkins, then Hymn No 449 "Must Jesns bear the cross alone" was sung. The President came forward and announced the house ready for business.

Committee on Appropriation made their report which was received and adopted; See Report.

The Committee on Resolution reported; See Report. Afterwhich the letter from Mt. Olive was read and received. Rev. C. H. Daniels then tendered a vote of thanks.

The Treasurer made a partial report. Time for the

Sermon having arrived, Rev. W. M. McCauley accompanied by Rev. R. J. Davidson ascended the rostrum. Rev Davidson lined Hymn No. 492 which was beautifully sung by the Congregation; Prayer was offered by Rev. O. B. Foster. The Speaker for the hour Rev. W. M. McCauley, A. B., S. T. B. was then presented by the moderator. Rev. McCauley announced as his Text Phil. 3:10, his Theme was, Do you know him, he said in to know Jesus was to know all power, all joy, all wisdom and to know Jesus made us just what we ought to be. Prayer was then offered by Rev. R. J. Davidson. A Collection amounting to \$68.00 was lifted, after which the Association adjourned to meet with the Smithfield Bapt. Church Seven miles south of Charlotte, N. C. Wednesday before the Second Sunday in Sept. 1924. Benediction.

Rev. R. D. Harris, B. P., President

Rev. W. H. Davidson, D. D., Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION

We your Committee on Appropriation submit the following report.

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| For Sermons..... | \$15.00 |
| " President..... | 15.00 |
| " V. President..... | 8.00 |
| " Rec. Secretary..... | 20.00 |
| " Cor. Secretary..... | 4 00 |
| " Treasurer..... | 3.00 |
| " Auditor..... | 1.50 |

Respectfully Committee: Rev. M. M. Mackey,
Bros. M. A. Corner M. M. Marriel and Sister Johnston.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

We your Committee on Organization submit the following report.

President R. D. Harris, Vice Pres. Rev. W. M. Neely,
Recording Sec'y. Rev. W. H. Davidson, Cor. Sec'y. Rev.
H. H. Wilson Treasurer, Bro. B. J. Broom, Auditor, Bro.
J. S. Reid.

RespectJully your Committee.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

Whereas W. U. A. claims our attention above all things in fostering the cause of Education.

Resolved 1. That we give it our heartiest support financially.

2 That the Pastors will urge the parents of their Congregation to send their children to W. U. A. thus preparing them to meet the demand of the day.

3 That the Presidents Address be put on the face of the minutes.

4 That the recommendation of the one hour study of the Bible each day of the session will become a part of our session.

Respectfully your, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

We your Committee on Corresponding Messengers beg leave to submit the following report.

To the Ebenezer Association Rev. W. M. McCauley

To the State Convention Rev. R. D. Harris

To the Sandy River Association Rev. R. J. Davidson

To the Mountain and Catawba Rev. J. J. Anderson

To the Women's Auxilary Rev. W. H. Davidson

Respectfully your Committee.

COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

We your Committee on New Churches, submit the following report:

St. Mark's Bapt. Church is seeking membership into the Mt. Peace Association.

Respectfully your Committee.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education respectfully submit the following report:

We recommend that our people everywhere take full ad

vantage of the Public Schools giving their Children an opportunity to attend regularly during the term, for no people can be progressive without an Education. We further recommend that this Association will do all in its power to foster the W. U. S. We also that our boys and girls for their Preparatory Course, and Shaw University for their higher Education. We recommend an Educated Pulpit for our Churches as fast as our ministers can attain unto it.

Respectfully your Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We your Committee on Time and Place submit the following report.

The next setting of the Mt. Peace Association will be held with the Smithfield Bapt. Church seven miles south of Charlotte, N. C. Wednesday before Second Sunday in Sept. 1924. Respectfully

Your Committee. One Delegate from each Church.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

We your Committee on Revision of the Constitution beg to submit the following report.

Article 5. The Sentence with exactions upon them be taken out Article 10. New Churches received by paying \$2.00 instead of \$1.50. Article 12 20c. instead of 10c per member. Article 13. 50c. for Delegates and \$1.00 for ministers. Respectfully your Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following report

Owing to the great Prohibition tide that has been sweeping over America and even beyond the seas yet it has not accomplished as much as this great missionary Bapt. Church desires. We have been lead by the Presiden Harding and now by the grkat Bapt. such as Loyd George, Sec. Hughes and other noteworthy Bapt. together with the Consecrated Ministes and Co-Workers. Therefore be it

resolved that every minister of the Mt. Peace Association appoint a Temperance day and preach a special sermon and second that the Missionary workers teach Temperance 3rd. Resolve that every member co-operate with the ministers and workers until everyone shall know that wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whatever is deceived is not wise. Respectfully your Committee.

VOTE OF THANKS

Whereas the Pastor Rev. J. D. Massey and the good people of the Gold Hill Bapt. Church have been so loyal in caring for the Delegates, members and friends of the Mt. Peace Association and whereas we have enjoyed the many good things that have been done for us, be it resolved that we turn a vote of thanks to God and to the good people of Gold Hill Bapt. Church for their hospitality and may the great head of the Church bless them.

Respectfully C. H. Daniels.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Officers and Delegates of the Fifty Fifth Annual Session of the Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association, Ladies and Gentlemen, Greetings:

Dear Laborers of Christ, I come before you as the custom demands and viewing the future, I might ask this question, What does the future hold for you? We look over the pages of written matter, which is a history of men who have lived and worked before us the task becoming greater as the age advanced like the shell that held the restless muscle, who out grew his shell burst forth for a new life, reaching for association in the new world of achievement having left the past and looking to the future we come to a period of readjustment of things that pertain to the Baptist of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina. It holds to us the day of Church Building, both materially and spiritually, how well God has fitted us for this work our reports will tell.

In these days of doctrinal changes, we the men of the day must accept the challenge with the same devotion of Stephens and Paul, of whose character and lives tell what the Christian's future holds as a reward for those who in their fast foot steps trod. It was a dim future to those who looked on, but by and by the light for

which they gave their lives burst upon the vision of those who were to follow. The work begun by them, that they might hold the preserving spirit and mind of those who would follow in the wake of them. After a shipwreck of our peace and a war storm, passed into divisions, you are a remnant left to the unfinished task of reconstruction upon the ruins thereof. How shall we hold this vision of the future, shall we say the mountain is too high, or hills too many to cross or climb? I say no! but look who stands at our back, who on the right and who on the left and before us, tells us through perseverance we shall reach the goal of accomplishments of the well begun work left as a legacy of hope on which our present acts tell what the future holds in her hands, extending to our children a christian training for our reward.

EDUCATION

When we view the great day of increased responsibility brought on by trained minds, hearts and hands, better fitted for the great nobilities of other reasons creates in us, an anxiety to do likewise. Having struggled to found an institution as a denominational future for our boys and girls, that they might receive a christian education demands our care in every respect as Baptist. Search our rural school houses and you will not and many baptist boys and girls in the rural educational work, while we have been too quiet on these matters of educational work, the state in her past meager sums for the education of her citizens has increased their sums in giving to have better service in the educational development of her constituents, putting our schools on the middle ground between preparatory and college. If we do not maintain our places as such we will have let our fathers die in vain, and count our vision lost. So let us bestir ourselves and take our places and supply teachers equal to the task of any academy in our state or any other school of like curriculum.

STATE AND HOME MISSION.

Our state convention as we view it is not what it should be by far, and who can we blame for such a state of affairs? It is the Baptists of N. C., who should rally to make our denomination stand financially with its numerical strength. It may be you do not like your leader, if that be true the cause is greater than any man, so let us labor to the end as a unit and not faction. Because all suffer alike in the matter. When it comes to conventional failures let more of our brethren attend the convention to make it up to the equal of any state Convention of the union. In so doing Winston-Salem Ophanage will get more attention than any other wise or act on the part of the Baptists of N. C. Heretofore we had only one house from which to draw our S. S. Literature, but now we have the National Baptist Pub. House established by the late

R. H. Boyd, in memory of his struggle I beseech you to patronize the house, not my will but yours be done. I owe too much as a Baptist to argue leaving the matter at will and choice.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our duty to missions as missionary Baptists we should be equal to God's program, both at home and abroad in the face of crying needs of our stations under the Lott-Carey convention, it is ours to join with other states and help preach Jesus to our benighted fatherland. We find a part of our program in Acts 13th chapter where five missisnaries meet in Church at Antioch were they prayed and fasted and the spirit said send Barnabas and Paul unto the foreign field to preach the resurrection of Jesus, the risen Christ. They traveled the hills of Asia Minor and many places to tell the story about Jesus. It's ours to help for God's Son in person will not be here until he comes to inspect our work and reward us according as we have done the work assigned us as we heard from the fields of Africa through Graham and Brown, and then came another cry from Hati and Russia, "come over and hely us." Many are being put to death for the word of God and their places are to be filled by some Paul and Barnabas who count not life dear as the cause. So let us have faith in God, and stand with other martyrs who lived and died a happy death.

"So live that when thy summons comes,
To join that innumerable caravan
Which moves to that mysterious realm,
Where each shall take his chamber
In the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust,
Approach thy grave like one who wraps the drapery
of his couch about him,
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend that our Association have educational day, that is Easter with envelopes given out to be brought in on that day.

2. We renew our appeal for the penny system as mission money for home and foreign fields.

3. Let each Pastor and Church join to encourage the young men's movement.

4. Let us keep faith in our school and principal by helping pay and talking them up.

5. I further recommend one hour Bible Study each day of the session.

6. On this, if so desired to have a committee of 6 on the Course of Study, let it be done.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the Missionary Baptist Church of Western North Carolina, having been regularly baptised on a profession of faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to promote the cause of Christ among men, do agree to the following Constitution:

Article I.

This organization shall be known as the Mt. Peace Baptist Association of Western North Carolina.

Article II.

This body shall be composed of Ministers and Delegates of Baptist Churches in good and regular standing with the denominations, and in full practice of the faith and doctrines held by the Missionary Baptist. All ministers pastoring churches associated with the Association shall be regarded as members with all privileges.

Article III.

The object of this Association shall be to extend the Kingdom of Christ among men by preaching the gospel, organizing churches and building meeting houses in needy fields in the bounds of this Association. To do State, Home and Foreign Mission work and to co-operate with the other Baptist organizations in the best plans of labor for the religious and educational development of Western North Carolina, especially the fostering of Western Union Academy.

Article IV.

All visiting ministers belonging to the regular Baptist denomination in good standing may become members by paying 50 cents annually.

Article V.

All aged ministers living in the bounds of the Association formerly pastors in its bounds are members with all privileges.

Article VI.

The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Executive Board, Ordaining

Council, and such other committees as may be deemed necessary, all of whom shall be elected annually, hold and discharge the duties of their office until their successors are elected.

Article VII.

This Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignty of a church as a body.

Article VIII.

If a church becomes disorderly or corrupt, the Association shall through a committee, or otherwise endeavor to restore it to a healthful state; and if necessary shall withdraw the hand of fellowship from it.

Article IX.

Each church shall send annually not more than two delegates and its pastor to the Association,

Article X

All visiting ministers and corresponding delegates and brethren shall be received by the Moderator extending the hand of welcome and introducing them to the body.

Article XI.

Any new church may become a member of this body by the payment of \$2.00 or more when recommended by a committee on new churches.

Article XII.

Any church may continue its membership in this Association by paying 20c per member annually for each of its members to be used for the constitutional objects of this Association.

Article XIII.

Each minister belonging to this Association shall pay annually \$1.00 each and delegates 50c each.

Article XIV.

Any church may withdraw from this Association if in good standing by first making known such desire.

Article XV.

The Ordaining Council shall ordain no minister except he has a fair knowledge of the Baptist Directory, Pendleton's Christian Doctrine and the common school branches.

TABLE

| Preaching Sundays | Received by Baptism | Restored | Received by letter | Lost by Death | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Present Membership | Value of Church Property | Pastor's Salary | General Expenses | Missions | Education | To Association | Charity | Total for year |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------|-----------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| 2 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 100 | 5000 | \$500 | \$25.00 | \$5.00 | \$3.00 | \$10.00 | \$2.00 | \$245 |
| 1-3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 30 | 2000 | 150 | 40.00 | | | 3.00 | 5.00 | 198.70 |
| 1-3 | 18 | 1 | | | | 1 | 120 | 700 | 400 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 10.00 | 12.00 | 8.00 | 600 |
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| 2-4 | | | | 3 | | | 120 | 4000 | 200 | 4.00 | | | 12.00 | 11.10 | 658.91 |
| 2-4 | 4 | | 5 | 1 | | | 92 | 3000 | 30 | | | 6.00 | 9.20 | 4.00 | 900 |
| 2-4 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | | 58 | 2500 | 250 | 18.00 | | | 5.80 | 6.50 | 357.30 |
| 2-4 | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 71 | 800 | 240 | 3.00 | 3.50 | | 7.10 | 26.75 | 400 |
| 1-3 | 4 | | | 2 | | | 32 | 1200 | 500 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 5.00 | 3.20 | 2.00 | 600 |
| 4 | | | | | | | 65 | 3000 | | 197.60 | | | 6.50 | | 418.35 |
| 1-3 | 9 | 4 | | | | 6 | 170 | 1500 | 500 | 50.00 | 15.00 | | 17.00 | 10.00 | 750 |
| -4 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | | 80 | 2500 | 300 | 4.00 | | | 3.00 | | |
| 3-4 | 30 | 10 | | 3 | | 4 | 200 | 2000 | 1000 | | | | 20.00 | 21.75 | 1914.65 |
| -4 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 26 | 3000 | 250 | 25.00 | | | 12.60 | | 651 |
| -4 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | | 25 | 600 | 200 | | | | 2.50 | 10.00 | 225 |
| -4 | 8 | | | | 1 | | 55 | 1800 | 375 | 1.25 | | | 5.50 | | 700 |
| 3 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | 100 | 2000 | 350 | 3.00 | | 8.50 | 10.00 | 12.00 | 950 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 50 | 2000 | 300 | 3.00 | 10.00 | 12.00 | 5.00 | | |
| 3 | 7 | | 5 | 2 | | 5 | 75 | 300 | 300 | | 2.00 | 7.00 | 7.50 | 12.00 | 700 |
| -4 | 5 | 2 | | 1 | | | 100 | 1500 | 400 | 50.50 | 8.00 | | 10.00 | 14.00 | 545.60 |
| -3 | 13 | | 4 | 4 | | 4 | 63 | 4000 | 500 | 35.00 | 5.00 | | 6.30 | | 550 |
| -3 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | | | 26 | 1500 | 300 | 4.00 | | | 2.60 | | 400 |
| -3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 30 | 700 | 300 | 35.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 3.00 | 4.00 | 500 |

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Treasurer's Report:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Brought Forward..... | \$15 85 |
| Delegates..... | 17 00 |
| New Church..... | 1.50 |
| Collection..... | 18.95 |
| From Letters..... | 188.10 |
| Friendship College..... | 3 31 |
| Winston Orphanage..... | 10.31 |
| Rally..... | 68.37 |
| Total..... | <u>\$322.89</u> |

Disbursements

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| President..... | \$15.00 |
| Vice President..... | 3.00 |
| Recording Secretary..... | 20.00 |
| Corresponding Secretary..... | 4.00 |
| Treasurer..... | 3.00 |
| Auditor..... | 1.50 |
| Western Union Academy..... | 150.00 |
| Winston Orphanage..... | 10.31 |
| Friendship College..... | 3.31 |
| Sexton..... | 4.00 |
| Bills..... | 4.00 |
| To State Convention..... | 5.00 |
| Sermons..... | 15.00 |
| Aged Ministers..... | 30.00 |
| For Minutes..... | 40.00 |
| Rev. R. D. Harris' expenses to Convention..... | 5.00 |
| Total..... | <u>\$313.12</u> |

Respectfully,

B. J. BROOM.



